Upgradition of Madersa/Pathshala Education

3171. SHRI SYED SHAHABUDDIN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to modernise , vocationalise or upgrade madersa and pathshala education;

(b) if so, the salient features of the scheme;

(c) the proposed outlay during the current year and the ensuing Five Year Plan; and

(d) the estimated number of beneficiaries in terms of educational institutions and students?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir. The Government propose to formulate a centrally sponsored scheme of financial assistance to modernize Madersa education. However, there is no proposal under consideration to vocationalise or upgrade Madersa/Pathshala education.

(b) to (d). The proposed scheme has not been approved. Therefore, the question of proposing outlay and estimating number of beneficiaries does not arise.

Assessment of Technology Mission on Health

3172. SHRI MUKUL BALKRISHNA WASNIK: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have undertaken any assessment of implementation of the Technology Mission on Health for all by 2000 A.D. ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) and (b). No Technology Mission on Health All by 2000 A.D. has been set up. However, there exists a Technology Mission on Immunization which *Inter alia* envisages protection of pregnant women and at least 85% (100% w.e.f. 1990-91) infants against six vaccine preventable diseases, namely tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis, tuberculosis, Measles and poliomyslitis, every year.

2. Assessment of the implementation of the Programme is made from time to time at various levels including coverage evaluation surveys done by independent agencies. These assessments/ studies revealed that the protection available to infants and mothers has been steadily increasing over the years. A consequent decline in the incidence of the target diseases has also been reported.

3. The assessments/studies have also revealed certain constraints in the implementation of the Programme. These inter alia include reluctance of women to take drugs/injections during pregnancy leading to lower acceptance of tetanus toxide antigen for pregnant women and superstitions inhibiting acceptance of the measles antigen. The studies have also revealed existence of some gap between the evaluated coverage levels and the coverage levels that are reported by the States.

Curriculum of History

3173. SHRI MUKUL BALKRISHNA WASNIK: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any